

Resources for 2020-21 School Year: TexShare, TexQuest, and More!

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TexShare:

- TexShare: <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/textshare/index.html>

TexQuest:

- Resources and Services for Texas School Libraries:
<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/landing/educators.html>
- TexQuest: <https://texquest.net/>

Free Open Resources:

Resource lists from TSLAC:

- **Texas Youth Services COVID -19 Resources (for library workers and families)**
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14q9XYI5Yfnem400YDIhAxewuRDsR-URuOblzavlQmfo/edit#gid=663822104>
- **Resources Available During the COVID-19 Pandemic**
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Kdswjd289qywtYg2VoY2LFauYvhgf0azJTgBjumXrbw/edit#gid=0>
- **Summer Reading Challenge (TSLAC) - now with Spanish translations!**
<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/librarydevelopments/2020/05/05/sharable-summer-reading-challenges-for-your-library-and-community/>

PBS Resources:

- [PBS LearningMedia](#)
- [PBS Parents](#)
- **PBS KIDS content (episodes, games, and hands-on activities) available on-air, online and on mobile devices.**
- Local examples:
 - austinpbs.org/athome
 - austinpbs.org/resources and austinpbs.org/recursos
 - austinpbs.org/writers

Distance learning shortlists/multi subject resources:

- OER Commons: <https://www.oercommons.org/hubs/k12?fbclid=IwAR1yoh0N-mVpMB2QFn8bGwMBQ311ohcCSnmZFU4Dq7t650PD19ZN9A9LiT0>
- Common Sense Media: <https://www.common Sense.org/education/articles/distance-learning-short-list-best-free-resources-by-grade-and-subject>
- Smithsonian Lab (for middle and high school students): <https://learninglab.si.edu/>
- Khan Academy Kids <https://khankids.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360040315632-How-to-use-Khan-Academy-Kids-for-remote-learning>
- Starfall: <https://www.starfall.com/h/>

Homeschooling resources from Kentucky (featuring expert Barbara Hettle):

- Webinar recording: https://zoom.us/rec/share/2-5nA4nK22dJUqPOt2ztebczOYL_T6a8gSBMq6AEyxvR4Z0US24aL8GBUw4Js15Z, Passcode: 1!#g^P2%
- Barbara's homepage: <https://homeschoolsuccess.com/about-me/>

Online Stories:

- Storyline Online <https://www.storylineonline.net/>
- Storytime from Space: <https://storytimefromspace.com/>
- KitLit TV <https://kidlit.tv/>
- Netflix on Bookmarks: Celebrating Black Voices. The videos are also available for free without subscription on the Netflix Jr. YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/c/NetflixJr/>

Science:

- U.S. Geological Survey Department: <https://www.usgs.gov/science->

support/osqi/yes/resources-teachers/

- Smithsonian Science Education Center: <https://ssec.si.edu/>
- Ck-12 Science: <https://www.ck12.org/student/>
- American Chemical Society
<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/resources/k-8/inquiryinaction.html>
- NASA: <https://www.nasa.gov/>
- SciShow: <https://www.youtube.com/user/scishow/featured>
- Bill Nye: <https://www.billnye.com/>
- Texas Parks & Wildlife - [Activities and Lesson Plans](#)
- *(little technology required)*

Math:

- BedtimeMath.org: <http://bedtimemath.org/>
- KhanAcademy.org: <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- Phet Interactive Simulations for Science and Math (University of Colorado Boulder): <https://phet.colorado.edu/>
- Math Prodigy(Grades 1-8): <https://www.prodigygame.com/main-en/>
- Math Playground: <https://www.mathplayground.com/math-games.html>

Coding:

- Girls who code: Girlswhocode.org
- Code.org <https://code.org/>
- CodeSpark <https://codespark.com/educators>
- Hour of Code Unplugged: <https://hourofcode.com/us/learn?platform=no-computers>
- Computer Lab Skills (Basic Keyboarding Skills):
<https://www.roomrecess.com/pages/TypingGamesForKids.html>

Art:

- Google Arts and Culture: <https://artsandculture.google.com/?hl=en!>
- Metropolitan Museum of Art:
<https://www.metmuseum.org/learn/educators/lesson-plans>
- Distance Learning Art Education: <https://www.artsednj.org/arts-ed-virtual-teaching-resources/>
- Exploratorium: <https://www.exploratorium.edu/>
- LEGO IDEAS: <https://ideas.lego.com/>
- Crayola Coloring & Crafts (little technology required):
<https://www.crayola.com/featured/free-coloring-pages/>

- BeepBox (Music generator): <https://beepbox.co>
- Pencil Madness: <http://pencilmadness.com/app>

Virtual Field Trips:

- Google Doc of Virtual Field Trips:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SvldgTx9djKO6SjyvPDsoGllkgE3iExmi3qh2KRRku_w/preview?fbclid=IwAR0VQaf5fvkXM6nVEggsWpmK5VQ_GjqZmFw2p_EtsqS2tYHsth4yYHEa_cs&pru=AAABcRhdbTs*Pa1oA8t7kM_BI9RnKBqaKw
- Texas A&M Forest Services - Geocaching: <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/geocaching/>
- Monterey Bay Aquarium: YouTube live streams:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/MontereyBayAquarium>
- Explore.org Live Nature Cams: <https://explore.org/livecams>
- Houston Zoo live streams: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/coronavirus-zoos-aquariums-live-stream-animals-isolation-quarantine/?ftag=CNM-00-10aab6a&linkId=84570722&fbclid=IwAR0J-Q8RurfWW7TcWs8tKHB48XG1XqipoO4GUKn36ssVH9Cq0hme-7r7Kso>
- Interactive Mars Virtual Tour: <https://accessmars.withgoogle.com/>

History:

- Facing History and Ourselves: <https://www.facinghistory.org/>
- PBS - Online Resources:
<https://www.pbs.org/opb/historydetectives/educators/technique-guide/online-resources/>
- National Trust for Historic Preservation:
- <https://savingplaces.org/stories/13-virtual-ways-to-educate-kids-about-history-and-preservation#.X1faMxNKjFQ>
- Education Resources from the Library of Congress:
<https://www.loc.gov/education/>
- Teaching Tolerance: <https://www.tolerance.org/>

Publishers:

- SLJ COVID-19 Publisher Information Directory
<https://www.slj.com/?detailStory=publisher-information-directory-copyright-storytime-social-media-permissions-covid-19>

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Open and Inclusive Resources:

Wifi- Resources:

- Texas Free WiFi Map: <https://arcg.is/0TOPvu0>
- Texas Free WiFi Map Live Survey Results: <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/wifimap>

Digital Literacy Resources:

- GCF Learn Free.org:
 - In English: <https://edu.gcfglobal.org/en/topics/>
 - En Español: <https://edu.gcfglobal.org/es/>
- Digital Learn (available in English & Spanish): <https://www.digitallearn.org/>
- Microsoft Digital Literacy tutorials: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/digitalliteracy>
- Applied Digital Skills by Google (project-based lessons; requires Google account): <https://applieddigitalskills.withgoogle.com/c/en/collections>

Get Help:

- Zoom trainings - Helpful for understanding basics: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/360029527911-Live-training-webinars>
- Here For You: Free Tutoring - Facebook Group offering free tutoring service: <https://www.facebook.com/hereforyoufreetutoring/>
- Wide Open School-Free online learning activities: <https://wideopenschool.org/#grades-3-5/>
- TEA COVID-19 Support: Texas Home Learning: <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/covid/covid-19-support-texas-home-learning>
- TEA: Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)- Curriculum standards for Texas: <https://tea.texas.gov/academics/curriculum-standards/teks/texas-essential-knowledge-and-skills>
- Education Service Centers: <https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/other-services/education-service-centers>

Mental Health Resources:

- National Alliance on Mental Illness(NAMI): <https://www.nami.org/Home>
- Responding to COVID-19 School Mental Health (MHTTC): <https://mhttcnetwork.org/centers/global-mhttc/responding-covid-19-school-mental-health-resources>
- Mentally Healthy Schools Resource library: <https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/>
- Child Mind Institute: <https://childmind.org/>

- Mental Health Resources For Adolescents and Young Adults- Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM):
<https://www.adolescenthealth.org/Resources/Clinical-Care-Resources/Mental-Health/Mental-Health-Resources-For-Adolesc.aspx#Apps>
- Resources from WebJunction (articles, trianings, & more):
<https://www.webjunction.org/news/webjunction/libraries-and-the-coronavirus.html>
- Emotional ABC's(currently free for teachers and school counselors):
<https://www.emotionalabcs.com/>

Health and well-being Resources:

- Mindful Schools Mindfulness Class for Kids: <https://www.mindfulschools.org/free-online-mindfulness-class-for-kids/#episodes>
- HealthyChildren.org: Getting Children and Teens Outside While Social Distancing for COVID-19: <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/health-issues/conditions/COVID-19/Pages/Getting-Children-and-Teens-Outside-While-Social-Distancing.aspx>
- Cosmic Kids Yoga YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>
- FitnessGram COVID-19 Fitness & PE Resources:
<https://fitnessgram.net/covid19-resources/>
- PE with Joe YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rz0go1pTda8&list=PLyCLOPd4VxBvQafyve889qVcPxYEjdSTI>
- Go Noodle: <https://www.gonoodle.com/>
- Coordinated Approach to Child Health (CATCH): <https://catchinfo.org/> (currently free)

Language Development Skills:

- ESL Games: <https://www.eslgamesworld.com/>
- Games to Learn English: <https://www.gamestolearnenglish.com/>
- Starfall: <http://more.starfall.com/?t=305219042&nrb=1&y=1>
- Reading Rockets: <https://www.readingrockets.org/>
- Duolingo: <https://www.duolingo.com/>
- Sparks Communication - YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxzF0Y0bh0zea36Mix9BtHQ/videos>
- Gallaudet University - Free Online ASL Lessons: <https://www.gallaudet.edu/asl-connect/asl-for-free>

Special Education Resources:

- TEA Parent Resources for Students in Special Education: <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/covid/parent-resources-for-students-in-special-education>
- Texas Autism Society: <https://www.texasautismsociety.org/>
- SPEDTex COVID 19 and Special Education Services: <https://www.spedtex.org/index.cfm/parent-resources/covid-19-and-special-education-services/>
- Coalition of Texans with Disabilities Coronavirus Information & resources: <https://www.txdisabilities.org/news-events/coronavirus-information-resources>
- TSLAC Talking Book Program: <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/tbp/index.html>